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WCI Officer Takes An Important Message Into Bel Air Elementary

S.T.E.P.S. Program Monday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m.

TOWSON, MD (November 5, 2008)---With 19 years of Division of Correction service, Western Correctional Institution (WCI) Lt. Allen Hall has seen a lot of men who've paid a high price for their bad decisions. That's why the veteran correctional officer takes his work with school children so seriously.

On Monday, November 10 at 1:30, Lt. Hall will take his S.T.E.P.S. program into Bel Air Elementary School, off U.S. 220 south of Cresaptown. S.T.E.P.S. stands for Showing Teens Example of Positive Solutions. Lt. Hall gives the kids important lessons, and always bring along interesting visual elements as well, including a K9 team.

Lt. Hall will speak to fifth-graders. Each child will get a certificate for his or her participation, and each will also receive a coupon for a free dessert from a local eatery.

"Keeping kids on the right path is a critical responsibility we all need to share," says Lt. Hall.

Adds WCI Warden Bobby Shearin: "This officer's dedication is typical of the DOC workforce we have here in Cumberland. These men and women are all about public safety, and public safety includes making sure kids---our greatest resource--- get the message to stay honest and stay out of prison."

All correctional divisions within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services have outstanding in-school and prison-based youth deterrent programs. Thanks to Lt. Hall's dedicated efforts, WCI's S.T.E.P.S. has been educating teens and pre-teens for ten years.

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